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How Not To Win Friends

We don't really know at this writing just what is going to come out of the legislature anent a sales tax.

But we do know that the changes wrought last weekend—in response to pressure from Portland interests—has gone over like the proverbial lead balloon in out-state areas.

Witness this sample editorial comment from the Eugene Register-Guard:

"You have to hand it to Portland! Its legislators, school board and newspapers really stick together in arguing for glutinous shares of state financial aid.

"In per capita terms, Portland is a relatively rich Oregon community. Portland's school district, for example, has more than \$32,000 of taxable

property to help finance the education of each student. Fern Ridge here in Lane County has less than \$12,000 true cash property value per pupil.

"But you'd never know such facts if you listened only to testimony of Portlanders. You'd never know the Portland School District is one of few in the state with no bonded debt. And you'd never know that many poorer communities have had to go deep in hock to finance new schools and school additions while Portland has been making school plant improvements with out-of-pocket cash."

The editorial goes on to ask "What price must be paid for Portland's support of pending sales-tax property-tax-relief proposals?"

Just what price, indeed?

The University and the Grape Boycott

The University of Oregon and particularly its president, Dr. Charles Johnson, have been sharply criticized of late because of the boycott of California table grapes at Eugene.

We are totally out of sympathy with the grape boycott, yet we feel the University is being rather unfairly treated by critics.

The University administration first got into the hassle last fall when the Student Senate voted in favor of a boycott and asked the University to halt purchase of grapes.

The University, relying on a couple of surveys which showed that roughly 30 per cent of dormitory residents were in favor of the boycott, decided to cut purchases by that percentage.

However, several weeks ago it was found that rather than cutting grape purchases, the University already had purchased more grapes this academic

year than it did all of last year.

This is when Dr. Johnson, out of deference to the 30 per cent who didn't want grapes, decided to halt further purchases. The University is not abjectly surrendering to the students.

Dr. Johnson told a group of newspaper editors last week that the University plans another survey next fall to see where student sentiment is at that time. He emphasized that the University is not going to cut purchase of, for instance, turnips just because half a dozen students don't like turnips. The University will step in only when a "substantial" objection is raised. The administration deemed the grape boycott a substantial objection.

As we say, we are totally out of sympathy with the grape boycott and don't think the University was at all wise to get involved. But once involved, all the facts should be brought out.



SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTLER

COMMAND CENTER READY FOR PRECISION ACTION Several thousand sheep, deer, cows and other livestock and wild critters are alive and well in Oregon, thanks largely to activation of the Governor's Command Center here during last month's heavy snows.

During times of crisis state resources are mobilized here, turning half the Capitol Building basement into a virtual command post. Through a complex communications now linking all areas of the state, government and military leaders coordinate disaster recovery.

In charge of such operations is Capt. Farley Mogan, director of the State Department of Emergency Services. He is "loaned" to the department from the State Police, where he used to head the highway patrol.

The department functions directly under the Office of the Governor and is half supported by federal funds. Its name was changed two years ago from "Civil Defense," to emphasize readiness for natural disasters.

Capt. Mogan, surrounded by giant wall maps and interrupted frequently by his telephone, explains that the limited natural disaster of three weeks ago called for only "incomplete activation" of the command center. Full activation could come with a more severe emergency.

When an alert is received here, activation begins with military precision. A "fanout"

program for chain telephoning proceeds, as described in a standard operating procedure manual of about 100 pages.

Top department heads or their deputies are expected to report immediately in person. First executives, then special staff, are called to assemble; some then may be excused if a situation does not involve their department. Each has a pre-determined mission and assessment of capabilities, spelled out in the manual.

Primary staff consists of Maj. Gen. Donald N. Anderson, state adjutant general (who serves as chief of staff), Capt. Mogan (operations officer), staff members of the military department, state police, finance, agriculture, general services, and the state highway engineer, fire marshal, forester, public utilities commissioner, health officer, public welfare administrator, employment commissioner, state engineer, sanitary engineer, Board of Control secretary, aeronautics director, marine board director and, possibly, director of the Oregon Nuclear Emergency Organization.

Considering the problems, potential and real, created by our unusual snowfall, it is obvious that many of these teammates were deeply involved in settling the state back to normal.

Main problems then were clearing highways, reaching some isolated farms, helping to set up shelter centers, and feeding livestock and wild animals. County Humane

Societies helped perform tremendous services. More than 3,300 head of sheep, stranded in snowy fields, were saved in Coos and Curry Counties alone by helicopter-dropped feed.

When activated, the command center looks impressively military. Focal point of action is a large room, set up according to plan with tables forming a hollow square.

Gov. Tom McCall and his immediate staff, when present, sit at a head table on a raised platform. Also up front, below, are the chief of staff, Gen. Anderson, and the operations officer, Capt. Mogan. A veteran of nearly 30 years' work with state agencies, Capt. Mogan receives and assigns all situations to proper personnel.

Forty telephones with unlisted numbers, 100-foot cords and lights instead of bells ("they'd drive us crazy") are used by team workers to contact trouble spots. At the other end of the lines are often the readiness teams maintained in each county, consisting of ranking members of the State Welfare Department, National Guard, Highway Department and State Police.

Each state agency with communications responsibilities has its radios and teletype duplicated in the center. Message logs are maintained, television reports monitored. National Guardsmen run wall-sized situation and operations maps, using color-coded markers to pinpoint trouble and relief spots.



LAP FULL OF LAMBS held by Barbara Fritsche are set of triplets. Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verdon Fritsche, Rt. 2, Sandy, will help to bottle raise one as mother sheep is only equipped for two. (Post photo)

LETTER FROM CLAUDE . . .

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Editor's Note: Hoodland residents Claude Gudge and Jack Fahie are on an extended tour of the Orient and South Seas. Claude is keeping friends up-to-date on their progress and experiences by sending letters to this column.

Jan. 29
Tawa, N.Z.

Dear Friends,

We have been getting gun permits, camping and hunting gear, etc., ready for our tour of the South Island. We have our car, and have arranged to take a travel trailer part way. We are waiting for a trip ticket and road report from the New Zealand auto association regarding road conditions for pulling trailers. Most of the roads are not paved, and there are many washouts due to flood and earthquake on South Island. Sounds like a full scale expedition.

We had a 22" rainbow trout for dinner last night. Limit size here is 14 inches, minimum.

As I have mentioned previously, the overall pace of life here is slower than ours. Artificial entertainment such as night clubs and T.V. are considerably less. There is only one T.V. station in New Zealand, no color. Night clubs are almost non-existent. The

pubs close at 10:00 p.m. So the people rely much more on social and family gatherings. Also a larger proportion of the

populace take active participation in sports. Rugby, cricket, softball, bowling, soccer, hockey, tennis, etc. are highly attended both by players and spectators. And the interest and betting in horse racing and trotters is tremendous. Of course, with water, and bush with game, so available, almost everyone spends much time out of doors swimming, hiking, fishing, etc. And of course the Bodgies that live in the whop-whops have a breakup and get plunked every week end. How about that? - The different words and expressions used here are great and I'm keeping notes.

Building standards are high here, although plumbing and wiring aren't up to our codes. Food and sanitary standards are very high. Death rate of newborn infants is the lowest in the world.

In addition to many geographic and climatic similarities, Oregon and New Zealand each have approximately 100,000 square miles of land area and somewhat under 25 million people.

New Zealand consists of North and South Islands - approximately the same size and shape - Stewart Island about 45 X 25 miles - and numerous small islands. Total land area is about 100 miles wide. Rivers, forest, lakes, and mountains are similar to Oregon with the highest point on South Island - Mt. Cook at 12,349 feet.

Sat. Feb. 1

We now have our N.Z.A.A. trip ticket, and have decided not to take a trailer. Road conditions are too questionable. Also the kids' summer vacation is over, school has started, and accommodations will be much more available. School vacation here is from just before Christmas until February first.

During the holidays, reservations are very necessary at most resorts and even on the inter-island ferries. Saturday a horse named ZigZag won a race - paid 13 to 1 - and we all cleaned up.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Several members of the Smith, Vause, and Kenny families took Jack and me on a picnic to Lake Ferry - near the south tip of North Island. We hiked and climbed near

Putangirua Pinnacles. Got a little more in condition for our deer and pig hunting trip to South Island. Had a great trip and the sun and water were just right. - How's the snow, up there?

Monday, Feb. 3

Here we go again. Our plans all came to a head today, due to a combination of circumstances. We could only get reservations Tuesday or Saturday on the ferry, so we've thrown things together and we leave at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Don't know what the communications and mail situation will be, but we'll mail reports as possible.

So - until next week from South Island - In Maori - Havera, Kia-ora, Kia-ora, Ketora, Aroha-nai.

Claude.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. on KRDR Radio (1230) Dave Spooner, drama instructor at MHCC will be the guest on College News '69. Spooner will be discussing the upcoming Moliere Farce "The Cheats of Scapin," a slapstick comedy presented by the MHCC College Players. The play will be presented on February 27, 28 and March 1 at 8:30 p.m. each evening. For further information call the

MHCC Switchboard. College VETERANS

Over 200 veterans are currently enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College taking advantage of the many course offerings available. Many of these ex-GI's are recent returnees from Viet Nam.

CITIZENS MEET
The MHCC Citizens Advisory Committees met Wednesday evening on the MHCC campus. Following the meeting members watched the last half of the MHCC-Treasure Valley basketball game at the college.



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TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
Sandy Post

We wish to express our thanks to John Stoll of Cedar Plaza Department Store for letting us use his window for out scouting display during National Scout Week.

Our display won, for the second year, the Class A "Window Display" award. The ribbon signifying this award will be flown with the pack flag at all meetings this year.

Sincerely,
Cubmaster,
Leaders,
Den Mothers,
and Boys of Pack 248

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1969

One way to make sure that crime wouldn't pay would be to let the Post Office Department run it. - Northern Light, Minneapolis.